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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE-TAGGED  
SEMICONDUCTOR NANOCRYSTALS FOR  
MICROARRAY AND FLUORESCENCE IN  
SITU HYBRIDIZATION

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Examiner: R. Crow

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A Final Office Action dated January 10, 2008, for which a response was due on April 10, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 10, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.